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SUBJECT: TRAMPCZYNSKI CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY

- ARMITAGE, FEBRUARY 26

1. HAVING RETURNED FROM SCHEDULED CONSULTATIONS IN WARSAW, POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE ON FEBRUARY 26 TO REVIEW BILATERAL MATTERS. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THEIR EXCHANGE.

2. TRAMPCZYNSKI REPORTED THAT CHICAGO MAYOR DALEY HAS INVITED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WARSAW MUNICIPAL PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, JERZY MAJEWSKI, FOR A VISIT BEGINNING ON MARCH 24. TRAMPCZYNSKI SURMISED THAT MAJEWSKI PROBABLY WOULD STAY IN CHICAGO TWO OR THREE DAYS.

3. TRAMPCZYNSKI THEN ASKED ABOUT THE POLISH REQUEST FOR A FOURTH WEEKLY LOT FLIGHT TO THE UNITED STATES THIS SUMMER INCLUDING DIRECT SERVICE TO CHICAGO AS WELL AS THE LOT REQUEST FOR TWELVE EXTRA SECTIONS. ARMITAGE SAID THAT FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1972 AGREEMENT REGARDING TICKET SALES IN WARSAW FOR ZLOTYS WOULD BE A KEY FACTOR

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AFFECTING OUR EVALUATION OF THE POLISH REQUEST. HE ASKED

WHETHER THE POLES WERE READY TO DISCUSS FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1972 AGREEMENT TO WHICH TRAMPCZYNSKI REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

4. TURNING TO CHARGES THAT POLAND HAS BEEN DUMPING GOLF CARTS ON THE U.S. MARKET, TRAMPCZYNSKI RECALLED THAT A POLISH DELEGATION RECENTLY PROVIDED U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH GOOD MATERIALS IN SUPPORT OF THE POLISH CONTENTION THAT ANTI-DUMPING CHARGES ARE BASELESS. TRAMPCZYNSKI STRESSED THAT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT IS VERY CONCERNED WITH THE ANTI-DUMPING CHARGE, AND ESPECIALLY NOW BECAUSE OF POLAND'S LARGE NEGATIVE BALANCE OF TRADE WITH THE U.S. POLAND HAS DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROVE THAT HER PRICES ON GOLF CARTS NOW TOTALING SOME 9,000 PER YEAR TO THE U.S. MARKET, ARE COMPETITIVE AND, IN FACT, WOULD BE HIGHER THAN CANADIAN PRICES WERE CANADIAN SUPPLIERS TO INCREASE CURRENT PRODUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 250 UNITS PER YEAR TO THE POLISH LEVEL. TRAMPCZYNSKI NOTED THAT A DECISION IS DUE ON MARCH 14 AND HE REQUESTED ARMITAGE'S ADVICE ABOUT WHOM HE COULD USEFULLY SEE TO PRESENT POLAND'S CASE. ARMITAGE SAID THIS INVOLVED A LEGAL PROCEDURE ABOUT WHICH HE DID NOT KNOW DETAILS BUT WE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER.

5. TRAMPCZYNSKI REPORTED THAT FOREIGN BONDHOLDERS COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOODS HAD BEEN IN WARSAW AND HAD SIGNED A DOCUMENT WITH THE POLISH AUTHORITIES SUGGESTING SETTLEMENT TERMS FOR PREWAR POLISH GOVERNMENT BONDS AND DANZIG BONDS. TRAMPCZYNSKI NOTED THAT WHEREAS PREWAR GOVERNMENT BONDS ARE IN THE HANDS OF THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS, THE DANZIG BONDS ARE HELD BY A FEW LARGE INSTITUTIONS. THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEMS WITH ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS FOR THE DANZIG BONDS FROM THE BONDHOLDERS COUNCIL, BUT BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY PREWAR POLISH GOVERNMENT BONDHOLDERS, THE POLISH GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED THAT ONE OR MORE BONDHOLDERS WILL NOT GO ALONG WITH THE EXPECTED POSITIVE DECISION OF THE FOREIGN BONDHOLDERS COUNCIL. TRAMPCZYNSKI ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO DECLARE PUBLICLY THAT IT WILL NOT SUPPORT THE CONTENTIONS OF ANY BONDHOLDER WHO

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DOES NOT ACCEPT THE DEAL STRUCK BY THE BONDHOLDERS COUNCIL WITH THE POLISH GOVERNMENT. TRAMPCZYNSKI ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE DANZIG BONDS. ARMITAGE NOTED THAT LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS WERE BEING RAISED BY AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI AND THAT HE WOULD INFORM THE AMBASSADOR AS SOON AS WE COULD CHECK OUT THE SITUATION.

6. ARMITAGE ASKED WHETHER TRAMPCZYNSKI HAD HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS WHILE IN WARSAW THE CONTENTS OF A POSSIBLE REVISED POLISH POSITION FOR OUR ONGOING ROLLOVER AND ANNUITANTS NEGOTIATIONS. SPECIFICALLY, ARMITAGE ASKED WHETHER THE POLISH SIDE WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE THE BURDEN WITH US DURING A PERIOD OF TRANSITION FROM THE PRESENT ANNUITANT RATE TO A NEW RATE STILL TO BE ESTABLISHED. TRAMPCZYNSKI BELIEVED THAT A DISCUSSION BY EXPERTS AFTER THE POLES HAD AN AMERICAN PROPOSAL COULD FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION WHICH WOULD COME AFTER THE EXPERTS HAD SENT THEIR FINDINGS BACK TO WARSAW. ARMITAGE NOTED THAT HE WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT THIS POLISH PROCEDURAL SUGGESTION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOEKER AND THAT HE WOULD THEN RETURN TO THE TOPIC WITH THE AMBASSADOR.

7. ARMITAGE ASKED ABOUT CROPS AND WEATHER. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THIS HAD BEEN A VERY BAD WET WINTER WHICH WOULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON POLISH PRODUCTION OF POTATOES, CATTLE AND PIGS. DEPENDING ON PRICE, OF COURSE, TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID POLAND WOULD HAVE TO BUY MORE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM THE UNITED STATES THIS YEAR. ARMITAGE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE POLISH GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS ITS WISHES IN GENERAL TERMS WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF OUR JOINT AGRICULTURAL STATEMENT. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID THAT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO DO JUST THAT AND WOULD DO SO AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURAL WORKING GROUP; DATES FOR THAT MEETING ARE NOW UNDER DISCUSSION. TRAMPCZYNSKI ADDED THAT POLAND WILL ALSO INCREASE ITS INDUSTRIAL PURCHASES IN THE UNITED STATES AND THAT A FINAL POLISH DECISION WHETHER TO GO AHEAD WITH G.M. VAN PRODUCTION IN POLAND

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